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Famous American Envelopes



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JANUARY 29TH**



You will have to order immediately if you want to get in on this beautiful set of stamps with first day covers. The first stamp in the Authors set is to be issued January 29th at Tarrytown, N. Y. This will be the 1c stamp for Washington Irving. You can now send your covers for this stamp to the postmaster at that city. The 2c stamp for James Fenimore Cooper will also be issued on the same date at Cooperstown, N. Y. For other dates watch your stamp paper.

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Thus this year, there will be a single page for the 7 new commemorative singles, and a page for the one new Airmail stamp. This will make two pages of single stamps which we will offer as a unit to be numbered—Unit 1939-S. We will also offer a Unit for blocks, which will consist of two pages for the 7 new Commemoratives in blocks and a page for the new Airmail stamp in block of four. This Unit will be numbered—Unit 1939-B.

In this manner, the total price for all of the new pages will be but 30¢ whereas if we offered each of them in single Units the price would be 45¢, as each page would have to be packed singly in an envelope.

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What Gave Them Away?

By CAPT. A. C. TOWNSEND

FRED ANDREWS sat at his desk in his third floor office, his clerk busy sorting some stamps at another desk, when the elevator door clangled and a moment later two young men came through his open door, one of them with what was evidently a large album wrapped in paper. They were in their twenties, and wore caps and clothes that Fred saw automatically were just a trifle too loud and a trifle too tight.

"Mr. Andrews?" asked the bearer of the package, as Fred got up and came to his counter. "Got a stamp collection we want to see what you'll give for." He began unwrapping the package. "I don't like to put a price on another man's dog," smiled Fred. "What I sell I put a price on and I think the other fellow ought to do the same. Making an offer on a stamp collection is generally useless and a waste of time. The owner takes it to someone else and says he has been offered so much for it, and the other man buys it for five dollars more." "We ain't that kind," said the second man. "You make us a fair offer and the book is yours."

The first man had gotten the book from its wrappings and turned it around for Fred to see. He opened the cover of a large loose leaf album, had trouble lifting the first blank page and wet his thumb to push it over. Fred motioned them to stools, pulled up one himself and began looking at an excellent collection of U. S. stamps, finely mounted. "Don't think I know you," he remarked. "You've never done business with me, have you?" "No, we just moved down here from Detroit a bit ago. Want to sell now and put the money in a business we're going to start."

"I see" Fred was slowly turning pages. "Own it together, do you? How long have you been collecting?" "Oh, about ten years," said the second man. "Hate to let it go, but we can do better with the money."

Fred looked at a griled 15c Lincoln. He tipped it up and put his glass on it. "Think you've gotten that one in the wrong place, haven't you?" he said casually. "Yeah?" said the first man. "Where would it go?" Fred didn't answer. He had turned up a 1c 1869 and was looking at it through the light. "Isn't that the reissue of 1880, the porous paper one?" he asked without looking up. There was a tiny pause before the first man replied, "It might be;

guess you know better than we do."

Fred turned a few more pages and then straightened up and glanced at the men. "If you want cash I'm afraid you have more here than I can handle alone." He turned to his clerk and said, "Harry, run down stairs to Joe Kelly and tell him if he has some ready cash and wants in on a good collection to come up here." He turned back to the album and went on slowly turning pages. Harry went out and the two men sat quietly on their stools outside the counter.

Fred finished with the book. He picked up pencil and paper and began putting down figures. Two or three times he turned back to a page of the album and then added something to his figures.

Finally he totaled and said to the men, "Will you take five hundred cash for the collection?" They looked at each other. Fred was sure he saw a hastily concealed smirk of triumph on one face and the ghost of a tiny wink on the other. The first man said slowly, "Seems to me it ought to bring more than that. How about five fifty?"

The elevator door opened and into the room Harry ushered an officer in uniform. "Officer Kelly, arrest these two men for possession of stolen property," said Fred. Kelly produced handcuffs and took possession of his crestfallen prisoners without a struggle. The first man turned to the other with a face of fury. "You dumb ox!" he cried. "I told you to let me do all the talking.

Famous American Poets

HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

Longfellow, probably the best liked of American poets, was born in Portland, Maine, Feb. 27, 1807, the son of a lawyer. His mother was a descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullens, whom he made famous in "The Courtship of Miles Standish." As a boy in school his poetic talent was noticed and verses of his appeared in the local newspaper as early as 1820. In 1825 he graduated in the same class as Nathaniel Hawthorne at Bowdoin College. After studying abroad three years, he assumed the professorship of modern languages at the college. Married in 1831, his wife died in 1835 and in that year he resigned his post and again went abroad to study, this time in preparation for a similar professorship at Harvard. From 1836 until his death on March 24, 1882, he lived at Cambridge, Mass. His poems first became popular in 1838, when "Psalm of Life"

was published. "The Wreck of the Hesperus" and "The Village Blacksmith" appeared in an 1841 volume. "Evangeline" appeared in 1847; "Hiawatha" in 1855; "Tales of A Wayside Inn" during the years 1863-1873; and many others appeared at frequent intervals. His poems are marked by their simple phrasing of subjects romantic and historic in a narrative form. Longfellow's love of beauty and romance is reflected in his poems and he is credited with first popularizing modern literature in America. His success is due to his ability to popularize ideas and to express simple affections and sentiments. Longfellow was well known in his lifetime, being a personal friend of the many contemporary writers and statesmen. In personality he was conscientious, industrious and kindly. His private life was marked by one tragedy, the death of his second wife in 1861 when she burned to death. Of interest to collectors is the claim that the Indian maiden depicted on the high values of the Newspaper stamps of 1875-1895 is Minnehaha, heroine of his "Song of Hiawatha." One of his best-liked poems, the selection of this imaginary personage for the stamp designs, in company of goddesses of ancient mythology is readily understood.



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Now you've talked us both into jail." "No," said Fred. "Don't try to blame it on him. You talked yourself into jail. Didn't he, Harry?"

"He sure did! First place he wet his thumb to push a page over. Then Mr. Andrews just asked two or three questions that showed he didn't know a thing in the world about stamps, and then Mr. Andrews sent me out to hunt you up and the poor nut sat there and didn't even suspect it." "Take them along, Kelly," said Fred. "That collection is easily worth a couple of thousand. I'll spread the news and the owner will turn up in a hurry, ready to prosecute."

Annual Events Calendar

Bronxville, N. Y.—Annual dinner of the Westchester County Philatelic Society, at The Gramatan, Fond Mat Rd., Jan. 19, 7 P. M., \$1.75.

Camden, N. J.—Fifth Annual Exhibition of the Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs, Walt Whitman Hotel, Camden, N. J., Feb. 17-18-19-20.

Chicago, Ill.—Jan. 19, 20, 21, annual exhibition of the South Chicago Stamp Exchange Club. Place not stated, but club meets at South Chicago YMCA.

Chicago, Ill.—POLPEX Exhibition by the Polonus Philatelic Society, Jan. 24, 25, 26 at 1234 Milwaukee Ave.

Cleveland, O.—Annual exhibition, bourse and dinner of the Cleveland Stamp Club at Hotel Hollenden, Jan. 27-28.

Columbus, O.—Annual exhibition and Bourse of the Columbus Philatelic Club, Chittenden Hotel, Jan. 20-21.

Fleetwood, Pa.—Third Annual Exhibition by East Penn Collectors Club, Feb. 23-24-25 at the Fire Hall.

Merion, Pa.—Exhibition by the Lower Merion Stamp Club in the Community Bldg., Jan. 19-20-21.

New Orleans, La.—Ninth Annual Exhibition by the Philatelic Society of New Orleans and Crescent City Stamp Club at Hotel Roosevelt, March 8, 9, and 10.

South Jersey Exhibition May Have First Day Sale

The Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs will hold its Fifth Annual Exhibition at the Walt Whitman Hotel, Camden, N. J., Feb. 17-18-19-20. The last day is the day on which the 5c Walt Whitman Famous Americans stamp will have its first day sale at Camden and the Association hopes to obtain a branch post office at the show with a special cancel. The Association will service covers for a fee, applying a cachet, and details may be obtained of these by writing Elmer C. Pratt, P. O. Box 149, Camden. A philatelic label is being produced, selling for 10c for the first copy and 5c for additional ones. Mr. Pratt handling the sale of these. A banquet will be a feature of the meeting.

* The first stamps of independent Finland were ready and placed in use before the republic was proclaimed. Russian stamps were accepted by the republic for the first several months of existence of the new government.

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THE STAMP HOUSE

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Idaho, Wyoming, Pan-American Union and Coronado Stamps Expected This Year

In a speech over the National Broadcasting Co.'s nation-wide hookup at 1:15 P.M. (E.S.T.) from New York City on Jan. 6, Postmaster General Farley gave a talk reviewing the accomplishments of his administration particularly referring to those of the past year. On the Famous Americans Series Mr. Farley had these remarks:

"You are all more or less familiar with the major stamp undertaking this year in the form of the already highly publicized 'Famous Americans Series.' This issue has been very aptly called the 'Heroes of Peace' series in that men and women who have made definite contributions to the happiness, entertainment and comforts of society in general in the realms of literature, science and art are at last to be given a place on our stamps. This series of stamps will supplement but not detract from the worth and importance of prior issues of stamps which bear the portraits of illustrious leaders in the realm of statecraft who exerted perhaps a more spectacular influence on national policies and the ultimate destiny of government affairs.

"It was not possible, of course, in a series of stamps containing as many as 35 designs to pay tribute to more than a small proportion of those entitled to this honor. In making the selections, every effort was made to give recognition to representative men and women in the respective callings and professions.

"While this series of stamps appears to be somewhat formidable in scope, the cost of complete sets to collectors will amount to only \$1.47, and with fairness to the subject matter curtailment of the size of the series was considered impracticable. I have been most gratified at the public response to the announcement of this issue which has been overwhelmingly in favor of the selections of subject matter and general arrangement of this special series."

Continuing, he promised "stamps" for Idaho and Wyoming's statehood anniversary, which apparently are not to be a joint issue of one design patterned after the recent Four States Stamp; also promising a stamp for the 50th anniversary of the Pan-American Union. His remarks on these and another proposed stamp are as follows:

"While the issuance of the Famous Americans Series will naturally cause some curtailment in the number of strictly commemorative stamps to be issued this year, we shall be obligated by prior precedents to provide stamps for the 50th anniversary of statehood of Idaho on July 3, and like anniversary of Wyoming on July 10.

"I am also prepared to make the first public announcement of the issuance of a special postage stamp on April 14, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Pan American Union. It is felt that the high purposes of this Union is to promote friendly relations

among the nations of the Western Hemisphere and justifies recognition of this anniversary. The selection of the central design for the stamp is now being given attention.

"While definite decision in the matter has not yet been made, we also have under consideration the issuance of a special stamp for the 400th anniversary of the exploits of the Spanish explorer Coronado, who was the first to visit the region now comprised in the Southwestern States."

British Colonials Expected

The "KenMore Kollector" states the following stamps are expected from British Colonies and Dominions. Rhodesia's commemorative set of 8 stamps is due on July 1; Trinidad \$1.20 and \$4.80 values; British Guiana Postage Dues, 1c, 2c, 12c; Johore 8c; Selangor \$1, \$2 and \$5; Trinidad War Tax issue; St. Helena "Napoleon" series; New Zealand change of watermark of 1d and 8d; Burma Officials in a distinctive design, a second printing as the first shipment is lost or sunk. Some of the above, like the St. Helena, are not definitely scheduled. A new one pound stamp of Great Britain is also expected.

New Orleans Celebrates Stamp Centenary

The Philatelic Society of New Orleans and the Crescent City Stamp Club of that city are joining in their Ninth Annual Exhibition to celebrate the centenary of the postage stamp. The show is scheduled for March 8, 9 and 10 at the Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, La. Prospectus may be obtained of the Chairman, R. Modern, 6009 Burgundy St., New Orleans.



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#233	8c Brown	.09
#234	10c Deep Blue	.09
#235	12c Red Orange	.12
#236	15c Olive Green	4.50
#237	20c Orange Yellow	.16
#238	25c Blue Green	.30
#239	30c Gray	.21
#230-239	Complete	4.60
#304	10p Deep Green	8.00
#320	4c Carmine & Black	.20
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How to Send Famous Americans First Day Covers

The Post Office Department has announced its usual rules for the servicing of first day covers of the Famous Americans Series. Many collectors are unfamiliar with the method of sending first day covers from a distant point, and this is repeated here for their benefit. Postmasters at the first day post offices will accept a limited number of self-addressed covers (not more than 10 from any one person) if these covers are sent them sealed, addressed to the sender (or any other persons they choose). Best cancellations are obtained by putting in each cover some light enclosure so that the cancelling machine will work best. Envelopes smaller than 3x6 inches should not be used; nor should large or odd-sized envelopes be sent either. 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ size (the standard 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x6 $\frac{1}{4}$ envelope) is best to use. In the upper right corner of each cover should be lightly marked in pencil in figures the number of stamps to be placed on that cover. The address should be so placed on all covers, particularly those on which you desire blocks placed, to permit sufficient space for the stamps.

Postmasters will positively not accept postage stamps in remittances, you must send either cash or money order. Your covers should be sent the postmaster inside a larger envelope addressed to him and enclosing with the covers a brief note stating you are sending the covers for first day cancels of the new stamps. Extra money for the purchase of mint copies of the stamp should not be sent, as all such orders must go to the Philatelic Agency at Washington. Covers for first day of each new stamp must be sent separately to each postmaster, as the first days are to be in different cities. In no event should covers be sent earlier than 30 days before the date of first day.

To obtain the cancellation dated "First Day of Issue" all covers must bear first class postage, and so collectors should not try to send covers with only a single 1c or 2c stamp. The only way you can obtain a single 1c stamp with dated first day cancel is to mail a postal card; covers should bear at least three 1c stamps. Similarly a first day cover of the 2c must have a pair affixed. If you have some friend in the first day city, you can address your covers of the 2c to him and then they can be sent at the local rate of 2c and thus only a single of the new stamp may be used; otherwise you must use two 2c.

The new stamps are roughly one-tenth wider and higher than the Presidential series, to be issued in post office panes of 70, printed by the rotary press. First day postmasters cannot honor requests for affixing of plate number singles or blocks.

* The Jugo-Slavian semi-postal set issued Sept. 6, depicting ships, was to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the raising of the national flag over the first Jugoslav battleships.

Constitution Stamp Inscriptions

We have had requests for exact translations of the inscriptions on the foreign Constitution stamps, but after much searching we find these are not available: Poland, and Turkey. Can any reader supply accurate translations?

Narberth Exhibition

An exhibition of frames entered by members only will be held by the Lower Merion Stamp Club in the Narberth (Pa.) Community Bldg., Jan. 19-20-21. Leon W. Perkins of the Evening Stamp Shop, Ardmore, Pa., is Chairman. The club has a membership of 34 and information by local collectors concerning its meetings can be obtained of Allan Cleaves Dodge, 4205 Ferne Blvd., Drexel Hill, Pa.

- The destruction by mines of the Dutch steamer "Simon Bolivar" resulted in the loss of the principal mail steamer to Curacao and other West Indies points.

- The post office of Timberland in Hoke County, N. C. is being discontinued Jan. 31.

- The Tongan Postal Department has announced that it sold £1745 of its Queen Salote Jubilee series, the Australian Stamp Monthly reports.

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Annual Report of the Postmaster General

Among the columns of statistics in the annual report of Postmaster General Farley for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1939, and released for publication Dec. 31, are some statistics of interest to stamp collectors. Postal revenues were highest in history, totalling \$745,955,075.24. On June 30, there were 44,311 post offices divided as follows: 1,217 first-class, 3,592 second class, 10,017 third class and 29,425 fourth class. In addition there were 1,513 regular stations and branches and 4,871 contract stations. Navy post offices were in operation on 318 ships, and 72 shore stations. No statement of number of railway post offices was made, but he states there was sea post service on 29 ships, all in trans-Atlantic service except six on the Pacific. 18.40 percent of total postage paid was paid by meter devices, while total postage paid by money in lieu of stamps was 27.74 percent of total postage paid.

Total revenue from stamps was \$315,494.96 less than from last year, though total postage paid by all means increased during the year \$14,657,558.88 (total postage receipts were \$662,479,335.82 — 88.81% of total postal revenues). Postage paid by stamps on mail amounted to \$478,693,218.02 and the total received from sales of postage stamps (which includes stamped envelopes and postal cards) amounted to \$514,894,960.12. The difference of over \$36,000,000.00 was not accounted for, but possibly represents an increased inventory of stamps on hand by business firms and a minor portion probably is accounted for by philatelic sales of stamps not used. Post offices also sold \$3,354,022.83 worth of documentary revenue stamps, 6% less than in the previous year. Sales of the Migratory Bird Hunting License stamps increased 27% to a total of \$1,000,216. A total of 15,262,089,147 stamps were shipped to post offices, representing a total face value of \$457,427,533.74. It cost \$1,386,333.11 to produce these stamps. Philatelic Agency revenue totalled \$1,312,016.48, a slight drop from the previous year.

A little known function of the postal service, the carriage by power boats, is that 183 of these routes were in operation covering 19,440 miles (ten routes

were contracted by pound, not miles, and not included in mileage figure). Mails were also carried by 90 companies over 2,967 miles of electric railways, practically all of it closed pouch service. 30 horse drawn vehicles are still in use for transporting mails in cities, while dog-sled, mules and other unusual means of transport are still used in isolated sections.

Field Force Mails Free

The Canadian postal service has instructed its postal officials to deliver without collection of postage all mail received without stamps from members of British, Dominion, Colonial or Allied forces serving in the field. Such correspondence is to be recognized by the postmark of the Field Post Office or Army Post Office; a marking indicating the mail was received from or posted on a naval vessel or having a censor's marking indicating it should have free transmission. Canadian troops in England are however not considered as "in the field" and must pay postage.

Postal Trucks Stolen

Two postal trucks have been stolen in London, England, since the black-outs have been in force. In the most recent instance, the driver left the truck in front of a branch post office to pick up some mail and when he came out the truck was gone. The *Philatelic Trader* states several bags of registered mail were in the loot.

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Editor's Notebook

ATTENDANCE We heard a good explanation offered recently for the drop in attendance at stamp club meetings from the high attained in the first years of the depression. It fits so many clubs, yet has not been recognized as the reason for smaller attendance at club meetings and annual parties and the slower addition of new members these days.

Many clubs had a large increase in membership and attendance commencing around 1930, which however has dropped severely in the past several years. Those new recruits have become unfamiliar faces. They were folk who as the result of the depression found themselves suddenly with much surplus time and nothing with which to while away that time. Their lives had not been accustomed to that much leisure and many had never had an active hobby. Stamps they found an excellent medium for three reasons: it was a hobby that could be pursued inexpensively, it was a pleasant means of whiling away those extra hours, and the realm of philately was one in which the

worries and troubles of a depression could be temporarily evaded or forgotten. We all know of many to whom this applied.

One reason philately lost so many of these people as soon as times improved for them, was financial. It takes very little money to form a stamp collection; its average follower spending nickels and dimes in contrast to dollars spent in the same circumstances by other hobbyists. Observe the cost of any of the leading hobbies such as photography, coins, antiques, model building, sports; and you will instantly note how much more it costs to follow them than stamps. Some of these appealed more to our new recruits than did stamp collecting, so when they found themselves with more money to spend they wandered into those hobbies that attracted them. There went many of the enthusiastic club members of the early 1930s.

Others did not necessarily find other hobbies, but as the years went on gradually adjusted the habits of a lifetime to fit those extra hours and the peak of stamp club attendance was past. Though it has dropped, it remained far above pre-depression levels for while many of the new members have been lost, many more remained permanent additions and in fact many of the best known stamp collectors of today are those who became stamp collectors during the depression. If this diagnosis or whatever you choose to call it fits your club, it seems the worries of many are unnecessary.

—R. R.

Perfs and Imperts

THE STATISTICS IN THE POSTMASTER General's report contained some interesting ones regarding stamps. With 15 billion stamps issued in one year collectors need not fear the meter machine. The fact that 36 million dollars more stamps were sold than were used might lead to strong suspicions that philately is responsible, but we doubt if it accounts for more than a small portion of that sum. The total of stamps always on hand in business firms must represent a staggering sum perpetually tied up in stamps and 36 millions more added to this would mean an increase in individual holdings of trifling amounts.

MEKEEL'S BLOSSOMED FORTH ON January 1, with a new streamlined paper, the pages being reduced in size but increased in number and for the first time a colored cover. The paper is much more attractive, and we congratulate our contemporary.

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A Philatelic New Year's Resolution

Fred C. Wilharm, President of the Westinghouse Stamp Club of Pittsburgh, Pa., mailed to all members of the club last New Year's the following resolution. Mr. Wilharm did all the work in connection with this and we present the unique product below:

RESOLVE:

I will help my collector friends in whatever way I can, that they may overcome those difficulties which I have encountered in my collecting.

I will invite other collectors to attend the meetings of our Club, and also see that the regular members who have been absent be reminded that the Club has missed them.

I will attend the meetings of our Club more regularly than heretofore, that my presence may stimulate more interest in the collecting fraternity.

I will offer some suggestions at the meetings; even though they may seem trivial to me, they may help others or arouse other ideas which may prove of value to our officers and members.

I will do all I can to assist the officers in the hope that the help so proffered may stimulate interest in the welfare of our Club.

I will mount my collection in order that I may show the collection to others, especially the beginner or the visitor to our Club.

I will encourage visitors to join our Club so that by the combined interests of many, the Club will prosper and grow both in interest and in numbers.

I will subscribe to at least one stamp magazine and read it regularly and thoroughly and, should I find something of interest, I will bring the material before the Club in the hope that other members may benefit by my doing so.

I will endeavor to visit other stamp clubs in the near vicinity and, by so doing, make contact with other collectors, thus creating a friendly spirit among stamp collectors in our Club and our neighborhood clubs; these visitations I will report to our Club.

Auction Calendar

The listing in this calendar are limited to sales advertised in our columns. Catalogs, or dates of sales should be sent as early as possible to insure listing in time.

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Jan. 19-20—U. S., Foreign, Wholesale. M. Ohman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

Jan. 22—Mail Sale. H. Wendt, Waverly, Iowa.

* The Newfoundland Balbo air mail stamp of 1933 was produced by overprinting blocks of four of the 75c regular issue. Two blocks of the 10c, which is of a similar color, were overprinted in error.

First Day Calendar

AUTHORS

Denom.	Person	Place	Date
1c	Irving	Tarrytown, N. Y.	Jan. 29
2c	Cooper	Cooperstown, N. Y.	Jan. 29
3c	Emerson	Boston, Mass.	Feb. 5
5c	Alcott	Concord, Mass.	Feb. 5
10c	Clemens	Hannibal, Mo.	Feb. 13

POETS

1c	Longfellow	Portland, Maine	Feb. 16
2c	Whittier	Haverhill, Mass.	Feb. 16
3c	Lowell	Cambridge, Mass.	Feb. 20
5c	Whitman	Camden, N. J.	Feb. 20
10c	Riley	Greenfield, Ind.	Feb. 24

Collectors are requested by the P. O. not to send covers to first day offices earlier than 30 days prior to first day dates. In view of this we are printing only portions of the entire Famous Americans list; not more than two months in advance.

Stamp Thief Caught

Luther Hawkes, 21, Altoona, Pa., pleaded guilty Dec. 18 at Hollidaysburg, Pa., to the theft of \$2,450 in stamps from Thomas Russell, Altoona, and S. B. Stine, Tyrone, a clipping from the *Baltimore News-Post* submitted by Foster's Hilltop Stampco states. Mr. Russell, an invalid, whose life savings were represented by the stamps, obtained a promise of leniency if the youth agreed to repay him and Mr. Stine for the stamps, which Hawkes had sold. The youth was sentenced to 2½ to 5 years in jail.

* Netherlands Indies may print their own stamps as the home government is having difficulty supplying the colonies with stamps due to the sea war.

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70 5c Dark Blue	.35	90a 2c Imperf.	.30		
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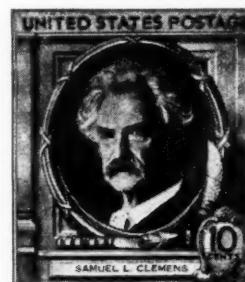
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Post Office Department Releases Photos Of Authors Stamps Designs



Last week the Post Office Department released advance photos of the designs of the five stamps comprising the Authors Set of the Famous Americans Series, the first two stamps of which will be issued the 29th of this month. Slight differences between these photos and the finished stamp can be expected as the drawings photographed are used by the engravers as models in preparing the dies. William A. Roach designed all five stamps. In engraving the die of each, Carl T. Arlt engraved the frame, which is uniform upon each. The portrait on the 1c was engraved by Leo C. Kauffman, the 2c by Harry R. Rollins, the 3c by Gilroy Roberts, the 5c by John Eissler and the 10c by Charles A. Brooks. William B. Wells engraved the lettering on the 1c, 2c and 5c while on the 3c and 10c he worked in collaboration with James T. Vail.

The Famous Americans Series are "Commemorative Stamps" by official designation. The official P. O. Dept. notice is headed "Commemorative Stamps — Famous Americans Series." The description of the design in the official statement is as follows:

"The central subjects are composed of portraits of these authors arranged in oval frames against a background of colonial design. At the base of the portraits are shown a closed book, scroll, quill pen, and inkwell symbolizing this group. In a narrow panel with white ground at the base of the stamp is the name of the author. The denomination designation, in two lines, the numeral above and the word Cent or Cents below

appears in an ornamental shield-shaped panel, partly bordered with laurel leaves, in the lower right corner. Across the top of the stamps is the wording "United States Postage. All lettering is solid gothic in the color of the stamp."

The origin of the portraits used on the Authors set as follows:

1c Washington Irving: Photograph after Brady's daguerreotype from L. C. Handy collection.

2c James Fenimore Cooper: Photograph after Brady's daguerreotype from L. C. Handy collection.

3c Ralph Waldo Emerson: Photograph furnished by Library of Congress, Division of Fine Arts.

5c Louisa May Alcott: Photograph in Demorest Family Magazine Portrait Album, in possession of L. C. Handy Studio and copied by L. C. Handy Studio.

10c Samuel L. Clemens: A half-tone reproduction of photograph obtained from The Public Library, Washington, D. C. Identifying mark on front of photograph: "A Ciaran, Fla."

• The first 1 Mark stamp of Finland had the value expressed in three languages, Russian, Finnish and Swedish. Swedish was used twice, the other languages only once each in the design.

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DUTCH INDIES—Type of 1933-37. Photo-gravure, wmkd. circles, perf. $12\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$:

- A17—1c. lilac gray
- A17—2c. plum
- A17—2½c. bistre
- A17—3c. yellow-green
- A17—4c. gray olive
- A17—7½c. violet
- A18—10c. vermilion
- A18—15c. ultramarine
- A18—25c. blue green
- A18—30c. lilac gray
- A18—35c. violet

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

Semi-Postals. The 2c. and $7\frac{1}{2}$ c. are upright, while the other values are horizontal rectangular format, wmkd. circles, perf. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 13$ vertical and $13 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ (horizontal values):

- 2c. plus 1c. purple (Three Dutch Settlers)
- $\frac{3}{2}$ c. plus $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. light blue (nurse and ailing native)

$7\frac{1}{2}$ c. plus $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. sepia (same as 2c.)

10c. plus $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. carmine (same as $3\frac{1}{2}$ c.) red figures and letters on light background

10c. plus $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. carmine (same but white letters on dark background, giving appearance of a different color of ink)

20c. plus 5c. very dark blue (same as $3\frac{1}{2}$ c.)

(L. A. Russell)

HAITI—Olympic Games Issue. Pierre de Coubertin (1863-1937) "father" of the modern Olympic Games, is portrayed upon a set to stamps now being prepared in New York, to be issued in connection with the inauguration of the Municipal Stadium at Port au Prince. On the left of the portrait is shown the flag of Haiti and on the right the five rings emblem of the Olympic Association. The stamps bear the dates "1900-1940," the period of the revived Olympic Games. The denominations are:

Postage: 10c. plus 10c. carmine

Air Mail Stamps:

60c. plus 40c. violet
1.25G. plus 60c. gray

(Stamp Collecting)

JAPAN—Another High Value. To go with values of the current set chronicled previously. Design shows a spray of plum blossom and a reproduction of a toilet-box belonging to a Japanese Lady of the rank of the Kamakura Period:

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for Japan "Soku Tatsu" business, i.e. Special Delivery Value is 12 sen, and ordinary postage rate in Japan is 4 sen, which makes 8 sen, of this special delivery fee. Design shows a large plane in flight over a small map of the Islands. Issued Dec. 1, 1939:



12 sen, slate-gray

(Karl Lewis)

NETHERLANDS—Semi-Postals. Upright rectangular format, wmkd. circles, mult., perf. $14 \times 13\frac{1}{2}$:

1½c. plus 1½c. black (Infant carrying cornucopia)

2½c. plus 2½c. olive (same)

3c. plus 3c. brick-red (same)

5c. plus 3c. dark green (same)

12½c. plus 3½c. dark blue (same)

(L. A. Russell)

NEWFOUNDLAND—Provisionals. Due to the war, the 2c. and 4c. postage were exhausted and the 5c. Royal Visit Issue was overprinted to supply these two values. The large figure of value was overprinted over the words "Royal Visit"; "Cents" over the Coat of Arms and new figure of value over the small figures in the lower corners:

2c. on 5c. ultramarine (brown overprint)

4c. on 6c. ultramarine (red overprint)

(J. N. Sissons)

New French Colonials

To meet changed postal rates, the French government planned to have on sale commencing Dec. 4, 52 new postage stamps for the French Colonies. All except Dahomey were to be given a 2.25 fr. value and most of them were given a 1.25 fr. stamp as well. Other values for some Colonies were also under preparation.

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A44-A45 (2) 35.00 37- 43 (7) .45

O12-O22 (11) 4.20 37- 44 (8) .95

New Hebrides Papua

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7- 9 (3) 1.25 63- 67 (5) .20

10- 16 (7) 1.75 63- 76 (14) 4.25

17- 25 (9) 4.75 D12-D19 (8) .80

26- 30 (5) 3.15

38- 40 (3) .80

1- 7 (7) 8.25

1- 8 (8) 42.50

New South Wales

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New Zealand

41- 48 (8) 2.85

107-120 (14) 6.75 61- 70 (3) 2.10

122-125 (4) 5.50 71- 76 (6) 1.75

130-138 (9) 2.00 83- 85 (3) 4.75

165-169 (5) 1.10 O1-10 (10) 3.50

165-170 (6) 2.15

179-181 (3) 1.15

130- 40 (11) 4.25

Papua Rhodesia

PF46-59 (14) 31.95 1- 9 (10) 6.25

PF47-56 (10) 17.75 1- 11 (12) 15.00

O23-O30 (8) 5.15 1- 12 (13) 25.00

O33-O37 (5) .80

O33-O40 (8) 15.75 21- 28 (3) 4.75

O41-O50 (10) 1.75 26- 39 (14) 12.00

Niger Coast

43- 49 (7) 7.00

1- 6 (6) 3.00 58- 66 (9) 18.00

8- 13 (6) 5.00 78- 81 (4) 5.50

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Nigeria 83- 97 (15) 6.75

1- 9 (9) 2.15 83-100 (18) 20.00

1- 10 (10) 4.15 101-111 (11) 6.00

1- 11 (11) 8.15 101-112 (12) 7.50

1- 12 (12) 16.15 119-130 (13) 3.75

13- 15 (3) .75 119-133 (16) 9.00

13- 17 (5) 7.25 119-135 (18) 16.25

18- 28 (11) 8.00 119-136 (19) 28.00

Niue St. Helena

21- 25 (5) .65 50- 55 (6) 4.50

38- 40 (3) 12.50 79- 89 (11) 32.25

49- 51 (3) 5.25 90- 93 (4) 4.75

49- 52 (4) 11.25 90- 94 (5) 13.75

96- 99 (4) 5.10

North Borneo

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185-191 (7) 8.75 24- 35 (12) 9.00

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136-141 (6) 1.50

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That the Central Ohio Precancel Club is putting on a little roundup in connection with the Bourse and Exhibition that the Columbus Philatelic Club is sponsoring Jan. 20 and 21. We are endeavoring to roundup Precancel Dealers and collectors for this event and your presence will be greatly appreciated. SO don't forget the dates and plan to attend at least one of the days.

THE CATALOG

Definite word from the publishers about the long awaited Part 1. Much to our surprise and delight we learn that Part 1 will cost but \$3. It will contain approximately 600 pages and of course lists all precancels thru the 1920 issues, that would be up to the 1922 issue I suppose. The book will be a bound edition and not a loose leaf affair. Print will be somewhat smaller, about the size used in the Double Line Catalog. 213 new illustrations will be used too. The pricing will BE AS HERETOFORE ADVISED "— at a mark which is as close to net market value as is possible." Release of the publication is set for February first but as yet cannot be definite. The above is most of what we have been waiting for anyway. Now bring on the catalog and we all will be happy.

AUCTIONS PASSE

Ever since the auction the Baltimore club held during the convention last fall the several papers have commented on the disinterest shown at that auction and then hastily concluded that the day of precancel auctions were past. I sat in both sessions of that particular auction and my conclusions are definitely opposite, which of course might be expected. The only thing I could see that was wrong with the auction was that they allowed THE BOURSE TO OPERATE WHILE THE AUCTION WAS IN SESSION. That was enough to ruin any auction. Many of the dealers are good bidders in these auctions but as long as there was a customer at their booth they were loath to leave, and as long as there were dealers at their stands there were some few customers taking up their time. The solution of that particular event would have been simply to have closed the Bourse when the auction was to be held. I will admit that some of the auctions are pretty long and to double up lots to my notion is objectionable because anything that makes me sore is to have to bid on a lot of a dozen stamps just to get one stamp. My solution of this problem is as follows, and I expect that the good fathers of the Precancel Stamp Society will just fall over themselves following it, is to pick out the best items for the FLOOR bids but allow mail bids on this group too, the balance of poorer lots to be MAIL ITEMS only with the privilege of each

attendant at the convention to ask for a certain number of MAIL BID LOTS to be brought to the floor. In this manner no important lot to anyone will be overlooked and the bulky material need not take up the valuable convention time. Pretty good isn't it????? Or is it?

SMART WAY

To my way of thinking the following method of collecting is very commendable. I recently have noticed several collectors following this method if it can be called a method and that is the collecting of a large state and a small state, by large and small we mean in a pre-cancel way. By collecting a small state only the collector soon is out of the race for lack of interest but by having a more easily obtainable state too, he gains a balance there that is an ideal setup to my notion. Here are some combinations I suggest: Ohio and Kentucky; Penna. and W. Va.; New Jersey and Maryland! etc.

THANKS

I want to take this method and opportunity to thank all my readers and friends for the nice cards and stamps sent me over the Holidays. They were appreciated I assure you.

Pre-First Days of Famous Americans Can Be Expected

The Post Office Department is shipping postmasters at other than first day post offices supplies of the Famous Americans series. Only a "limited supply" may be requisitioned by postmasters and it is intended to have, as far as manufacturing conditions permit, the stamps at many offices to place on sale on the second day of issue. Postmasters are cautioned not to issue any of the new stamps prior to the day after the official first day sale at designated places; but in the past there have always been some offices where these instructions have either not been read or else ignored, resulting in covers arriving in business mail bearing the new stamps cancelled days before the official date of release. Philately does not recognize these covers with catalogue status, as if it did there would be incentive for persons to try to obtain them. It will be seen that pre-first day covers of the Famous Americans can be expected.

A precancel on a 10c Colombian semi-official air mail stamp of 1920 is offered in the auction of the Cole collection of airmails by F. W. Kessler. The precancellation is a handstamp of the company issuing the stamps.

New National Society

At a meeting held Dec. 20 at Chicago officers were elected for the "US" Stamp Society of the United States, a newly organized national society. Officers chosen were all residents of Springfield or Sangamon County, Ill., according to clipping from the *Illinois State Journal*. Will Schaefer of Springfield is President and Walter R. Coon, Secretary. Information on the society may be obtained by writing Mr. Coon at 215½ E. Adams St. Springfield, Ill.

• French commemoratives are in general circulation for about a month each, but quantities distributed to post offices are limited, some offices receiving but one or two sheets each.

• The Swedish Semi-Postals of 1918 1918 were for providing funds to spend for comforts for the troops which had been mobilized as war seemed near Sweden.

• One of the rarest airmail essays is to be auctioned in the Kessler sale of the Cole collection. It is one of three known copies of a 15 piastres airmail stamp prepared but never issued, for the Italian post offices in Turkey in 1922.

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By JULIUS B. BOCK, Berlin

First of all I am sending the compliments of the Season to all my friends and to all those who I would like to be my friends. May this Christmas bring you happiness and joy, and a prosperous New Year to you.

Batavia—Lisbon—New York Service. The Royal Dutch K.L.M. and Pan American Airways are planning to open the Dutch East Indies to United States Service soon. Conversations between the companies are held at the Hague and PAA Clippers are to be used exclusively to cover the Route in 6½ days. No date of first flight is set, but collectors should get in touch with the Companies in order to assure mailing of their first flight covers soon.

Around the World in 53 days. The Japanese Mitsubishi plane "Dai Nippon" left Tokio-Haneda Airport August 27th, 1939, to fly around World in Eastward direction. The last leg of the Flight, Rome to Tokio, is said to have been covered in 8 days. The plane arrived at Tokio Airport October 20th, and nothing is known so far whether any covers were carried in the flight.

China—Russia—Germany Service is planned. German Junkers 52 planes will cover the Route between Tsungking, China and Berlin, Germany via Moscow, Russia, soon. It is expected that the planes will cover the route in 4 days for one way.

National Stamp Day 1940. The First Sunday before or after January 10th, birthday of the first German Postmaster General H. V. Stephan was National Stamp Day for 1940. Regardless of the present war conditions the day will be held and municipal exhibitions are planned. Special Post Offices at the Exhibits will be furnished with special cancellations commemorating the event in suitable inscriptions. January 7th is selected for 1940, and dealers as well as collectors are busy preparing the event.

Deutsche Post Osten. November 7th was the day of taking office by the German Governor General at Krakow, and a special commemorative cancellation was in use for the day in Krakow showing a church with suitable inscription with regard to the taking of office plus date. Nothing became known to collectors about this cancellation until after it was no longer available. A certain number of special sheetlets bearing one of the present German Winter Relief stamps tied together by the special cancellation are on sale to collectors at a premium over face through official chan-

December 11th was to be First Day of Sale of the new Deutsche Post Osten stamps. The set will consist of the following 13 values, 6 Groszy on 3 Pfennig, 8 G. on 4 Pf., 12 G. on 6 Pf., 16 G. on 8 Pf., 20 G. on 10 Pf., 24 G. on 12 Pf., 30 G. on 15 Pf., 40 G. on 20 Pf., 50 G. on 25 Pf., 60 G. on 30 Pf., 80 G. on 40 Pf., 1 Zloty on 50 Pf., 2 Zl. on 100 Pf. The current German Hindenburg Medallion stamps Watermarked Swastika have been surcharged, and show the above values at top and "Deutsche Post Osten" at the bottom in two lines. The stamps are good for postage in the district of the governor general exclusively.

German Fieldpost War-covers. Really interesting war covers of the present war are extremely hard to get in Germany. Officials of every kind and description make it a hard job for a serious collector to acquire a representative collection of these most interesting covers. Hardships of every kind are to be gone through by the serious specialist for the good of the hobby, and today already all specialists of war covers of the present war are of the opinion that there never has been a field as interesting and worthwhile as this hard to get coverage. Usually the German Field Post covers show the ordinary circular cancellation inscribed "Feldpost"—Date and Swastika surmounted by an eagle, but the number added in front of the date, already adds interest to the cover. Not only the Postal System of Bohemia and Moravia adds her most interesting covers, but also the former Eastern Front and the present Western Front brings color in the collection. Not to speak of the Danzig occupation special Souvenir cancellations which are around, but there are cancels on some covers which every collector would show proudly. And there's not much use trying to find out where this or that cover was mailed; the friend who mailed it will be the only person to unveil this mystery after the end of the war.

Fiji Modifies Designs

Complaints that the current 1½d Fiji stamp was not as correct as it might be have evidently been accepted by the authorities. They are re-issuing this stamp with the addition of a native to the canoe. On the current stamp the canoe is shown under sail with evidently no one in it, a feat of navigation even the expert Fijians are unable to accomplish. To make the nautical location of the islands better understood the identification of the vertical right hand longitude line or parallel on the 2d and 6d "Maps" will be numbered "180°" since the islands are located between parallels 178 and 180 from Greenwich, England.

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U. S. NOTES

The sale of the Max G. Johl collection was watched closely by dealers in U. S. 20th Century for the prices realized would in general serve as a gauge of values. Die proofs of the commemoratives brought the highest these have ever reached and of course the unique drawings also brought prices that were not surprising. Perforation errors brought no heavy bidding and despite all the publicity given these stamps and the undisputed rarity of some, their prices were modest, which is in line with other auction sales of recent years. This reflects the fact that collectors generally show no interest in stamps not face different. The perf. 11 1c Franklin, rotary press printing, companion item to #594, brought \$82.50 (described recently in our "The Answer Is")—not a staggering sum for a stamp of which but one other copy is known and which will presumably be given a major catalogue number. The fact that it was Bureau Print precancelled and that a number of other copies might be found, possibly affected this stamp's price.

Autographs on high values are not necessarily valuable. A block of 16 \$2 1923 autographed by the Postmaster General, etc., brought just \$8 over face. A similar block of the \$5 brought only \$6 over face.

Proof prices noted were as follows:

Pan-American die proofs, \$55 the set; set 1902 die proofs \$51; 2c 1903 die proof \$66; Louisiana Purchase die proofs \$182; Jamestown set of die proofs \$350 (this was one of the rarest sets offered and bought by Y. Souren); the 12c essay of 1909 brought \$38; 2c Lincoln die proof \$160; incomplete die proof of 2c Alaska \$82; complete proof \$165; 2c Hudson Fulton, \$165; proof of the 10 subject experimental 3c 1917 die, \$158; 3c Victory \$270; unfinished die proof 1c Walloon \$150; frame design proof of Walloon \$175; die proof of an essay for the 3c Parcel Post \$53.

Original drawings for the commemoratives brought prices comparable to those paid by art collectors for fine etchings, etc. Two different of the 2c Lincoln each brought \$200; sketches of stages of designs not accepted of the 2c Alaska brought \$100 to \$142.50 each, while the drawing of the accepted one brought \$255; three of the Hudson-Fulton ton brought \$105, \$125 and \$210; a 1c 1912 \$150; and a 1c Walloon \$150.

Realizations of some of the more notable lots of ISSUED stamp varieties include: \$2 and \$5 1902 mint blocks, superb, by Y. Souren, \$151 and \$550; a slightly off-center block of the \$2 however brought only \$75; a pair of the 1c 1902 coil \$125 and the 5c in pair \$142.50; 1908 Blue Papers, a 4c believed reperforated, \$310, a superb 5¢ \$310, one of the finest 8c existing \$415, 6c fine \$51, 10c \$26.50, 13c \$73.50, 15c \$28; set arrow blocks 2c Lincoln imperf, one creased, \$56; set of arrow and center blocks of 2c Alaska imperf. \$67; a similar set of the Hudson Fulton, one block minus gum, \$62; 3c Orangeburg coil on original cover, centered but some perfs "frayed," \$155; mint block of perf 10 10c Panama Pacific \$137.50; A. E. F. Booklet Pane of 30 2c \$330; used copy of 20c 1917 perf. 11 on three sides and 10 at bottom, \$17.25; and a mint block of \$2 1918 \$62.

Possibly the rarest essays in the collection were the die proofs of the projected second issue of Parcel Post stamps in the design later used for the 1917 Documentary revenues. The set of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 and 15c brought \$470. They are believed to be the only set existing.

An unusual item was received the other day, being a 1c Washington Bicentennial stamped envelope mailed by the Luther Ford & Co. of Minneapolis and contained a circular relative to their bluing. The stamp was uncancelled and above it was mimeographed in black typewriter type "Sec. 562 P. L. & R." Under this provision of the Postal Laws the stamp is supposed to be precancelled, so we wonder if the local postmaster did precancel some of these envelopes and whether this specimen had precancellation omitted in error; or whether all the envelopes were sent out with uncancelled stamps. While local precancelling of envelopes is seldom resorted to; it is not unknown. Generally envelopes are pre-cancelled at the envelope plant and none of the Bicentennials were so used. So this envelope is a mistake from all viewpoints, since commemoratives are not supposed to be precancelled at all.

Postmaster General Farley will attend the first day sale of the 10c Mark Twain stamp at Hannibal, Mo., reports state.

If anyone expects the Famous Americans stamps to be in use for any extended period, the illusion was shattered by the announcement that the stamps will be issued in sheets of 70. Since all other stamps are issued in sheets of 50 or 100 it can be seen how thoroughly these odd-size sheets can make trouble for clerks and public. The danger of making mistakes in counting, breaking or selling these sheets, will force postal clerks to get rid of these stamps as quickly as possible, so the Famous will not gain much additional fame from this stamp series.

BROADWAY CHATTER

B Y B I S T A N D E R

Air Mail collectors and dealers here in New York are awaiting the release of the new edition Sanabria Air Post Catalogue which is expected about Jan. 10th. It has been announced that 315 new stamps have been listed, approximately one-half of them being from Central and South America. There have been many changes in this catalogue from previous issues. Close to 5,000 stamps are being listed, with 3,000 illustrations.

With the announcement that Harmer Cooke & Co. Inc. of London was holding several auctions here in New York, it is interesting to note that the auction firm of The Hague, Holland, under the able management of Mr. Max Pool, is now located here in New York. Mr. Pool's first sale is expected to be held here sometime in February.

The sales conducted here are oddly named by Mr. Pool as the "New System Mail Sales" whereby minimum bids are listed after each lot, based upon catalogue price.

New Issue Dealers and collectors here are awaiting the arrival of the new Poland Occupation stamps from both Germany and Russia. It is speculative to state at this moment which of the two sets will be more popular, but a survey conducted by your correspondent shows that Russian stamps which have heretofore been ready sellers has been reported by many New York dealers to have fallen down in sales the past few months, while German stamps, particularly New Issues, have been popular. It has been stated by several dealers that the German Occupation stamps of Poland will outsell those from Russia by approximately 100 to 1. They might be right, but we shall see as time progresses.

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The latter part of the month will see the sale of the Agathon Faberge collection of Finland at the Collectors Club in New York. Included in the sale will be many rare Finnish items, such as imperforates, reconstructed sheet of 50 of the 5k blue stamp of the 1860 issue. Among the regular varieties and minor varieties which are complete, can be found stamps of the Finnish Occupation of Russia.

\$22,000 Albums Auctioned

The most elaborate and expensive set of stamp albums ever owned by a stamp collector will be auctioned Jan. 19 by F. W. Kessler of New York City. The albums, with their hand-drawn, illuminated pages, cost Dr. Philip G. Cole of Tarrytown, N. Y., over \$22,000. The pages are ornamented in 22 karat gold and much art work. These 66 volumes were specially made to house the collection of air mail stamps formed by the Doctor, also one of the most extensive ever formed, including practically every rarity. As an example of the cost of these albums, the three volumes for the British Empire with their 3 frontispieces, 16 coats of arms, 16 maps and 85 album pages, cost \$1,550.00 for the three volumes, exclusive of stamps.

The Red Crescent Society, now busily engaged in relief work among the earthquake shattered regions of Turkey, receives a large portion of its funds from the postage stamps carrying a surtax for the Society and which are compulsory upon certain days of the year on all mail and revenue forms of the various services of the Ministry of Posts, Telephones and Telegraphs.

Ohlman's Jan. 19 auction features one of the rarest Argentine stamps, the 10c Rivadavia of the second series, unwatermarked.

New naval post offices include the U. S. S. Napa (re-established).

East Penn Exhibition

The East Penn Collectors Club will hold its Third Annual Exhibition in the Fleetwood (Pa.) Fire Hall on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23-24-25. Ribbons will be awarded and entries are free. Details from the Secretary, W. H. Slater, Fleetwood. The Post Office Dept is entering one of its non-competitive frames.

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